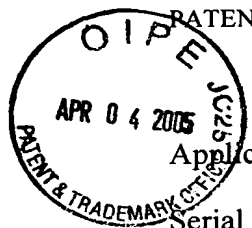


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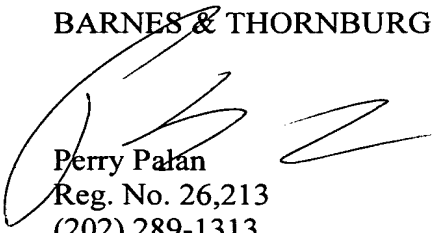
Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 4, 2005, Applicant appeals the final rejection of Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 10, 15-21 and 46-49. A Notice of Appeal with the required fee was previously filed November 14, 2003. Before filing a brief, a Request for Continued Examination was filed. Since the appeal fee was previously paid and no appeal resulted, an additional fee is not due.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (509/35644).

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